

A GOLD finger ring is not money.

The silver dollar is worth 100 cents.

CONGRESS was very badly Shermaned.

The "chance" repeated the "crime of 1873."

CLEVELAND thinks the country needs less money.

Did you notice what they done when they "got a chance?"

By the way, have you ever seen much gold circulating around?

DEMOCRATIC promises are about as important as last year's bird nests.

IT IS now very evident that there is trouble ahead in the industrial situation.

SENATOR SHERMAN says he is a bi-metalist, but he doesn't seem to work at it.

SILVER dollars would save the banks and the country if there were only enough of them.

ALL this trouble is about gold and silver. The greenbacks seem to be out of it entirely.

WHEN Wall street asks for anything it gets it. That's the kind of statesmen (?) we have.

THE country is waiting patiently to hear of any trusts the democratic party has broken up.

IT IS now in order for Mr. Bland to "go to the party that will give the country free silver."

THE vote on free silver presents a good-sized list of traitors which the people will do well to preserve.

A VERY grave question which confronts the country is how will the unemployed be saved from starving.

PANICS don't come of themselves, they are produced by the men who manipulate the finances of the country.

THE Fifty-third congress was elected to give the country free silver, but it is not doing it to any remarkable extent.

THE President is said to be afflicted with a sore jaw, but there are no indications that congress is similarly afflicted.

IT IS pleasant to note that over 100 democrats agree that their party has deceived the people and failed to carry out its pledges.

CLEVELAND is a plucky man, but his pluck resembles that of the mule so much that it fails to command the respect of the people.

THE democrats are not likely to reform the tariff to the extent of cutting off the receipts sufficient to reduce their own salaries.

THE man who has money reaps a rich harvest out of panics, and it is such men that cause them for the purpose of making money.

THE tariff seems to be busting the banks wide open, but the democratic party is not exerting itself to repeal the Bill McKinley bill.

THE principles of democracy never change. The principles and practices of parties do. Note the distinction and make the application.

GROVER CLEVELAND is to be complimented on the magnificent manner in which he influenced votes against free silver with the judicious use of political pie.

THERE is a suspicious unanimity against free silver that savors somewhat of the \$10,000,000 reported to be at hand to secure the demonetization of that metal.

EACH week the mercantile agencies assure us that times will be better the next week, and each week they grow worse. The storm is coming and you can't lie it away.

THE Kansas republicans are again threatening rebellion. It is barely possible that some of them will have to be put in irons yet before they learn to behave themselves.

THE gold-bugs don't like a short dollar, as they call it. Well the farmers are tired selling long bushels and heavy pounds and don't propose to do it much longer.

THE principles enunciated in the Omaha platform were at first treated with derision, but they are becoming very popular now. It looks now like the stone which the builders rejected will become the corner stone "of our political edifice."

THE bankers want a little more legislation in their behalf, and in view of the fact that they have never been refused anything they asked, why should they be kept waiting? They now want to increase their circulation to the full face value of their bonds, and the democratic party is going to give them the privilege.

WHO LIED?

THEY SAID THE TARIFF WAS THE GREAT ISSUE.

THEY PLEDGED THE PARTY TO BELIEVE THE PEOPLE.

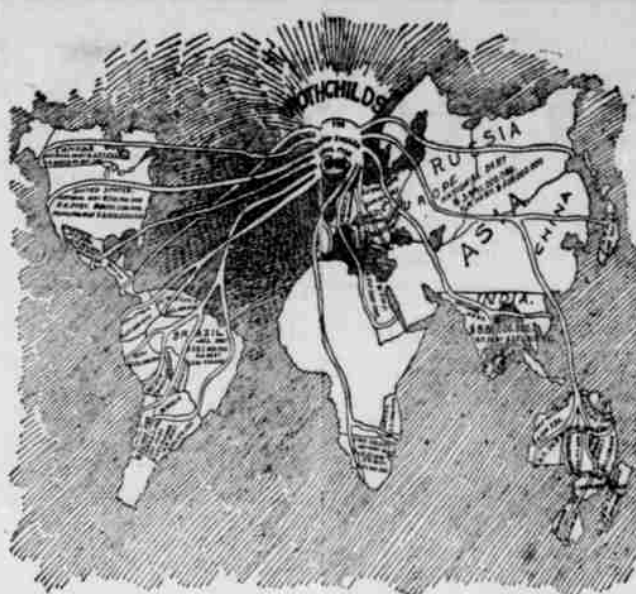
The Culminating Atrocity—it Robs the People of \$13,000,000 Per Week—Democratic Pledges to Repeal—\$375,000,000 Gone Since They Had a Chance—The Claims of the Populists—Their Verification by Recent Events—A Plutocratic President—His Fight on Silver.

In the last campaign the democratic party went before the people, presumably upon its merits. It made certain assertions and certain pledges. It asserted, among other things, that the McKinley tariff was the "culminating atrocity," and pledged itself to its immediate repeal, if given the opportunity. The populists admitted that the tariff was a burden but insisted that the financial question first demanded attention; that it was the most important issue; that there was real danger ahead; that the condition was growing worse and would continue to do so until congress provided for the issue of more money. All this the democrats denied. They asserted that the tariff question was the "great and overshadowing issue," and that there was no such scarcity of money or danger of panic as was claimed by the populists. In the light of recent events we might well ask the question: "Who lied?"

Democratic speeches were burdened with statistics and argument attempting to show that the tariff was robbing the people of this country. By an overwhelming array of figures and assertions that astounded their audiences, they proved, according to their standpoint, that the McKinley tariff was robbing the people at the rate of \$13,000,000 per week. They pledged their word and all the honor they had in the shop, that if given a "chance" they would repeal the iniquitous tariff law and give the people freer trade. The populists asserted that they would do no such thing; that the tariff issue was a sham; that the democratic party figured a protective tariff, and that if there was any change at all it would be a very slight reduction, which would be but little relief to the people. The democrats were successful. They were given full and absolute power. They have had it for nearly six months. According to their own figures the McKinley tariff has been robbing the people all that time at the rate of \$13,000,000 per week. At that rate it has filched from their pockets the enormous sum of \$375,000,000. This is a sum equal to more than the entire value of either the wheat crop or cotton crop of the United States. And the tariff is still robbing. At last Cleveland done in August what he should have done in March. He convened congress. But not to revise the tariff. Not one word in his proclamation about the tariff. It is to legislate on the financial question. In the light of these facts our readers will excuse us for the very pertinent inquiry: "Who lied?"

It was asserted by democratic speakers that democratic success would bring prosperity to the country. The populists denied it. They told the people that both old parties were under plutocratic control; that the money power dictated their policy and their action; that Cleveland was a tool of Wall street; that he favored a gold standard and, if elected, would oppose free silver. In the light of existing facts we may well ask, "who lied?" Grover Cleveland has gone out of his way to bring about the demonetization of silver. He has used both the patronage and the powerful influence which his official position gives him to "pack" congress with members who will vote to strike down the last vestige of favorable silver legislation. Again, it was boldly asserted by democratic speakers that these monetary evils of which the populists complained could not be remedied through legislation. They advised us to raise less cotton, wheat, etc. Now, at the earnest appeal of the bankers an extra session is called with the avowed purpose of relieving the "financial stringency." Again we ask, "Who lied?"

Every intelligent person will remember that after the election the press and leaders of the democratic party claimed that Cleveland's election would inspire the people of this country with renewed confidence; that business would be more active, prices advance and property and happiness would hang around loose on the bushes ready to be picked off. Instead of this we are in the midst of a panic that is wrecking some of the strongest banks and business firms in the country. Prices have fallen to the lowest point in thirty years. Distrust is prevalent everywhere. Factories are shutting down. Mines suspending operation. Thousands of men and women are thrown out of employment and starvation staring them in the face. In view of all these facts we again ask: "Who lied?" It took no prophetic vision on the part of the populists to foretell the coming of this storm. The workingmen of this country compose what might be termed



The English Octopus—It Feeds on Nothing but Gold.

the capillary system of the commercial world. They are the outposts of trade. They had already felt the keen blasts of the storm as it passed over them toward the commercial centers. Yet because they said it was coming, because they told what they knew was inevitable, they were called cranks, lunatics and calamity howlers. Now the other fellows are howling calamity, and a plutocratic President is quick to respond to their appeal. While the tariff was robbing the people, the masses, the democratic party lingered, and the President went fishing. But when the bankers, who were conspiring against the interests of the people, want help they have only to make their wants known. Such is the great democratic party, such its promises, and such its performances.

WHAT ARE WE COMING TO?

A New York special says: "From authority pretty close to the throne a report is being spread among financiers that Cleveland is out with Carlisle because that gentleman has not had some pleasant agreement with the republicans. This is in view of the fact that republican votes are needed to secure the unconditional repeal of the Sherman act."

Might the plain people of America be permitted to ask the "authority," or even in an awe-struck, reverential whisper, ask "the throne itself," what kind of an agreement can be had by honest democrats with republicans? Are offices to be given to republicans by "the throne" for support of the bill repealing the act of an alleged statesman of the republican stripe? Isn't here a fine chance for some cartoonist to make a picture of Cleveland as the grand trick-mule of politics in his wonderful performance of splitting the democratic party with one hoof and cuddling the republican with the other?

Fifty thousand men clamoring for bread in New York—for bread or vengeance, and Mr. George Gould has remarked that times are so hard he honestly believes he would find difficulty in borrowing \$10,000,000. Hadn't George Gould and Vanderbilt and Astor and Rothschild and the other Jews who are oppressing mankind better beware? There is a last straw that breaks the back and wakes the might that slumbers in a workman's arm. "Bread or Vengeance!" The cry may swell before many days, and then it may be "Bread and Vengeance."

But the real secret of our financial distress has at last been disclosed. Mr. Ward McAllister, an inspired idiot from Georgia, who for many years has led New York society by the nose, and taught the Vanderbilts how to behave in company and how many courses to have at their coarse, witless feasts, has been called upon by the World to give his opinion and he gravely states that "people waste their money." This new economist then proceeds to show how the extravagance of the rich injures the country financially. It is but just to this leader of the New York 400 to admit, however, that he occasionally deviates into sense. His suggestion that New York or any large city ought to own and manage all public functions, like horse and electric cars, shows that thought will intrude even into a fashionable brain. But to say that people, that is, the people, waste their money is sheer drivel, when wheat that costs the farmer 30 cents a bushel to produce, or corn that costs him 25, he is now being forced to sell at 18 and 15 cents respectively. Same way with cotton. All that product brings now to the producer is 7 cents a pound, and it costs 10. This means another mortgage, another tax paid for the privilege of working hard through the year and being deceived by the bankers.

Henry Chaplin, ex-president of the board of agriculture, charged heavily in the house of commons the other day against the English government for stopping silver coinage in India. "A more flagrant act of public plunder," said he, "has never been perpetrated by a civilized government." If Mr. Chaplin will cast his

eyes over here he will see a greater crime attempted against the people.

An East India merchant in New York attributes the recent riot in Bombay to the demonetization of silver. The reports of it are extremely meagre and vague. Probably the English government is holding back much of the truth. The attempt to make it out a religious riot, between Hindoos and Mohammedans, looks a little thin. I predict that we shall have worse riots in America if Cleveland succeeds in killing silver.

Another reduction in wages for Carnegie's workmen. Does not this prove that workmen must remedy their wrongs at the polls pretty quickly, and that they must elect men who cannot be bribed? Representatives Patterson of Tennessee and Pendleton of West Virginia have just added themselves to the list of those who have bartered their democracy for a mess of Cleveland pottage. They used to be friends of silver, but recently have gone back on their record. "Consistency," says Mr. Patterson, flippanantly quoting Carlyle, "is the hobgoblin of legal minds." There's another older and better saying, Mr. Patterson, "Consistency's a jewel," and when your constituency—which once thought you a jewel also—gets hold of you again at the polls, you may discover at last who struck Billy Patterson.

Poor Wilson of West Virginia, the Judas of a free coinage constituency, has he not sold himself for less than thirty pieces of silver? Senator Morrill said jokingly, "What shall it profit a politician if he save the whole nation and lose his own 'deceitful'?" But in this case Mr. Wilson has done more; he has lent his aid to ruining the republic, is bound to lose his district, and must have lost, beyond redemption, the last jot and tittle of his own self respect. Can a mere chairmanship of the ways and means committee pay such a big devil bill against a man's own soul?

I have spoken in former communications of the great Jew conspiracy to suck the life-blood of modern commerce—the money of nations—into their own veins. These vampires are never satisfied. The latest scheme is a monster corporation to start department-stores in all towns. This will do away with druggists, agents and retail merchants. This company is to be capitalized at half a billion. Isn't it time for the middle-class to do a little hard thinking?

A singular thing has happened in connection with the conspiracy of the great Jew bankers to plunder the people of all nations, in furtherance of which they have united all the knaves and blockheads in congress. This very singular, because most appropriate thing, is the fact that the man selected to fire the opening gun in the debate against silver, was Isadore Rayner of Maryland, a Jew politician of a tribe that needs no describing. Pence, the populist member from Colorado, in his comments on Mr. Rayner's speech said, "the gentleman referred to glittering ketch-words by which he probably meant catch-words." This hit at the Sheeny's pompous vulgarity amused the house greatly.

Let no man think, because I denounce the great international Jew conspiracy to demonetize silver, that I hate the Jewish people. There are Jews in America who are cultivated gentlemen and true-hearted lovers of mankind. These men feel as bitterly as I do that constant crime of capital which the people, some day, will make a capital crime. They loathe just as strongly as I do, or as any Christian can, those members of their race who have conspired against the freedom and the happiness of man. But such Jews do not get into congress: the Isadore Rayners do. In face of these facts, it is the duty of the people everywhere to hold indignation meetings and overwhelm their congressmen with a flood of letters, postal cards and telegrams, protesting against any change in the ratio of coining silver. To adopt twenty to one in place of the present sixteen to one, would compel the payment of the bonds in gold. This is just what the Jew bankers desire. Moreover, this change of ratio would not raise the price of a single commodity. Make your congressmen stand for sixteen to one, or take their heads off. A few

political funerals made sure might clear the atmosphere or give the present cloud a silver lining.

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THE DUMP THEORY.

The "dump" theory is receiving some very hard knocks just now. It has been urged that if we have free coinage of silver that other nations will make this a "dumping ground" for their cheap silver and that will make it cheaper. It has never been explained why the same theory would not apply to gold. The two metals were used side by side on equal terms in this country for eighty years. As long as they are given equal chances they remained at parity with each other. And during all that time no foreign nation ever made any mad rushes to "dump" her silver here either. This "dumping" theory is purely imaginative. No such thing has ever been done. No nation is willing to part with its coin unless they have a surplus, and no country in Europe has a surplus, unless it is Australia. Again, if the "dump" theory is entitled to any weight as an argument at all it is as applicable to gold as to silver. We are informed that the last few weeks has brought from Europe millions of dollars of gold to this country. In fact, the European countries seem to be "dumping" their gold on our shores. Now if the "dump" theory is an argument at all gold ought to be demonetized. But it is not an argument. Silver and gold, like all other commodities, go where there is the greatest demand for them. This government is buying its gold at a fearful price, buying it with cheap wheat, cheap cotton, cheap labor. Silver is leaving our shores because it is cheap. This government helped to make it cheap. It helped to make products cheap. Because they are cheap and gold high in comparison the balance of trade is in our favor and some of our gold is coming back. Fifty cent wheat and six cent cotton attracts it here. Let European countries "dump" their coin on our shores. The only way it can hurt us is the low prices it indicates when it is dumped, and it is mostly our own doings that prices are low. The United States can not only dictate the finances of the world, but they can, to a greater extent than any other nation, control the commerce of the world.

Are not these strange bed fellows? London Times, tory; New York Tribune, republican; New York World, democrat; John Sherman, republican; Grover Cleveland, democrat; Pall Mall Gazette, tory; St. Louis Globe-Democrat, republican; St. Louis Republic, democrat; Thomas B. Reed, republican; John G. Carlisle, democrat, all tucked in nicely and lovingly spooning each other, and agreeing exactly on the English financial policy forced upon this country. To be entirely consistent let's quit abusing Benedict Arnold as a traitor, for he was guilty of no greater crime than that involved in the present conspiracy in which Grover Cleveland, John Sherman and others are attempting to make this country a British dependency.

Some foolish people are talking of "secession" and of a "western republic" as a means of settling the problems before the country. This foolishness is of the tomfoolery sort—a suggestion so ridiculous as to be unworthy of serious consideration. Why should the great west want to secede from the little insignificant New England corner? These sections have votes enough for political supremacy, and it will be exercised when the people have had the chance to speak again, as they will in thunder tones in '94. One flag is enough for this country, and "Old Glory" will continue to wave from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the lakes to the gulf.

When that old farmer of St. Ives, Oliver Cromwell, marched into the English parliament in 1653 and dispersed it, he no doubt found that body of "sordid prostitutes," as he called them, as haughty and disdainful as our congress of to-day, but when Cromwell said: "Ye venal slaves, begone!" they got out. It may be necessary for a later Cromwell—a cow-hide-booted man from between the furrows to say to our American congress, as Oliver Cromwell said, "Ye sordid prostitutes! Go! Get you out!"

When a railroad gets all run down at the heel, and won't pay dividends on its watered stock it is placed in the hands of a receiver with Uncle Sam as boss, and as a rule, by Uncle Sam's management the road is soon in good condition. This is being done all the time, and yet there are very many foolish people who have a horror of government ownership of railways!

The Southern Pacific railway has discharged 1,000 men who were working on the new road from Santa Margarita to San Luis in southern California.

The vote on free silver shows that quite a number of democrats ought to belong to the republican party.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

It is not expected that a tariff bill will be reported to the house by the ways and means committee before about the middle of January.

John Sherman, United States senator and attorney for the Bank of England, made a very exhaustive speech in the senate Aug. 30. To carry out his suggestions will exhaust the resources of the United States in behalf of Great Britain.

Speaker Crisp and ex-Speaker Reed had a little set-to in the house in regard to the adoption of some of the rules of the Fifty-first congress, but the country still survives.

One of the most amusing incidents of the silver discussion was the humorous speech of Congressman Lafe Pence of Colorado, in which he exposed Bynum of Indiana, who had "modified" his views on the silver question. It provoked hearty laughter in the house and exposed the inconsistency of Mr. Bynum that was anything but creditable to that gentleman.

Just what congress is going to do next is very uncertain. It may adjourn and go fishing. It may stay and indulge in more speech making. It may raise the tariff or it may lower it a little. In view of its recent action there is no one who cares to hazard their reputation by venturing to predict what it will do.

The democrats are under great obligations to the republicans for their assistance in striking down silver. The democratic party could not have done it alone. They, however, furnished 114 of the 227 votes that did it. The republicans furnished the other 113. There were 124 votes for free silver.

John Sherman made a big speech in the senate a few days ago. It was considered the great event of the silver discussion. It is now in order for the Bank of England to paste under his portrait the words: "Well done thou good and faithful servant." John is a great financier. He is also a great political lumber.

The house has had its innings on the silver question. Whatever disposition the senate may make of it, the issue will go back to the people for settlement in 1894.

There were just 100 democrats, out of 214, that voted for silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. Eleven populists and 13 republicans also voted for the same measure. The total vote stood 237 against free silver and 124 for it.

It is not expected that the President will stop fishing at this time of year to assist in detariffing the McKinley bill, but congress might take the matter up and bore a hole or two in it.

It has recently been discovered by some enterprising person that the President had the toothache about two months ago, and the newspapers are indulging in a variety of predictions as to how soon he will die, or whether he will die at all or not. The public is more concerned to know whether the report is true that his friends recently hustled him away from Washington because he was drunk.

Uncle Sam has just finished counting his cash. He has on hand \$740,000,000, besides some odd dollars and cents. It required sixty experts two months to count it. The weight of this cash is over 5,000 tons.

The democrats had the help of twenty-three republicans and eleven populists in the fight for free silver, yet with their 100 majority they failed to redeem the pledge of their party.

Out of 121 republican votes 101 were cast against free silver, while out of 214 democratic votes 138 voted against free silver, or for the repeal of the purchasing clause in the Sherman law. The eleven populist votes went solid for free silver.

Mr. Bland is reported as "still being a democrat." Certainly no one supposed for an instant that he meant what he said when he threatened to not let the democratic party live if it voted down free silver.

POPULIST KANSAS has started a movement that other states will likely follow, and that is the removal of the state fiscal agency from New York. When the fact was published that the New York banks were short on their reserves and were refusing to pay depositors' checks, the populist bank commissioner of Kansas ordered the Kansas banks to withdraw their deposits from the New York banks. The commissioner simply complied with the law and his sworn duty, but he was roundly abused for doing so. This movement was next followed by the suggestions of a republican banker that the fiscal agency of the state be removed from New York, and the suggestion is heartily sanctioned by bankers, business men and people in all parties, and the next legislature will undoubtedly pass a law to that effect.

A few hangings of treacherous congressmen who have violated every pledge made to their constituents would not only be wholesome for the country, but would relieve the monotony caused by general business depression and be some consolation for the losses occasioned by the panic.